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July 22, 2011

Via Email

Jay Root Texas Tribune jroot@texastribune.org

RE: Public Information Request for Executive Protection Bureau expenditures (PIR # 11-1559)

Dear Mr. Root:

The Department of Public Safety received your above-referenced request on June 28, 2011. Specifically, you requested "[t]he total amount of money spent to provide security to Gov. Rick Perry and any family members for each year that Perry has been governor, including amounts spent so far in 2011." Governor Perry in December 2000. The Department maintains financial records for a period of three years after the fiscal year in which an expense is incurred. Accordingly, records for FY01-07 have already been purged from our systems and are no longer available.

The Executive Protection Bureau, formerly the Governor Protective Detail, provides protection services to State elected officials, including Governor Perry and his family. In addition, EPB provides assistance to foreign, federal, and state law enforcement agencies that have requested assistance with protecting dignitaries traveling in Texas. Accordingly, the operating expenses provide below are not limited to those expenses incurred in providing security to Gov. Perry and his family. We are unable to separate out such information.

Fiscal Year	Operating Expenses
2011*	\$5,574,654
2010	\$7,132,661
2009	\$4,731,958
2008	\$4,869,971

<sup>\*</sup> Expenditures through July 20, 2011

If you have any questions regarding this request, please submit them <u>in writing</u> via facsimile to (512) 424-5716, via email to OGC.Webmaster@dps.texas.gov, via mail to the address in the letterhead, or in person at our offices at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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July 21, 2011

## <u>Via Email</u>

Jay Root Texas Tribune jroot@texastribune.org

RE: Public Information Request for total amount of money spent to provide security to Gov. Perry and family members (PIR # 11-1559)

Dear Mr. Root:

I apologize for not contacting you yesterday. The information you have requested is still not ready. We are still working on your request, and I expect to contact you about releasing the information by the end of the business day on July 27, 2011. If you have any questions regarding this request, please submit them <u>in writing</u> via facsimile to (512) 424-5716, via email to OGC.Webmaster@dps.texas.gov, via mail to the address in the letterhead, or in person at our offices at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin. Thank you.

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July 13, 2011

## <u>Via Email</u>

Jay Root Texas Tribune jroot@texastribune.org

RE: Public Information Request for total amount of money spent to provide security to Gov. Perry and family members (PIR # 11-1559)

Dear Mr. Root:

The Department of Public Safety received your above-referenced request on June 28, 2011. I believe that the information you have requested can be made available to you. Due to the nature of the information and how it is maintained by the Department, it will not be ready within the ten (10) day period defined by section 552.221 of the Government Code, but will be made available to you once the information has been gathered. We are currently working on your request, and I expect to contact you about releasing the information by the end of the business day on July 20, 2011. If you have any questions regarding this request, please submit them in writing via facsimile to (512) 424-5716, via email to OGC.Webmaster@txdps.state.tx.us, via mail to the address in the letterhead, or in person at our offices at 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin. Thank you.

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